

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sidewalk Project Update

Marion County and Emery and Sons are working hard to get the sidewalks and ramps completed in the downtown core. They are coming along nicely and without any large complications. The sidewalks look great and are a great addition to our downtown. Please thank the businesses and property owners for funding this project. The Council will discuss delaying repayments due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Want to Run for Mayor or Council?

Along with the Presidential election, Donald is holding a Mayoral and City Council election. There are six council positions and those are staggered, every two years. This year there will be three open Council positions. City Hall has received a few inquiries about when a candidate can sign up, the start date is June 3 and the last day to sign up is August 21. Qualifications are 1) must be 18+ years of age, 2) be a registered voter for the last 20 calendar days, and 3) have lived in Donald in the last 12 months. More information will be available in the May Newsletter.

COVID-19 Resources

- CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Oregon Health Authority website to sign up for daily notifications or learn info
- <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>
- Phone call 211 to learn about community assistance programs and emergency management responses

Note: Donald Beautification Group Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

City Hall:

City Manager: Heidi Bell
10710 Main Street
P.O. Box 388
Donald, OR 97020-0388
Phone: 503-678-5543
City Hall Hours:
Mon - Thurs =
8am to 4pm
Fridays = 8am to Noon

City Website:

www.donaldoregon.gov
Public Works:
Director: Alonso Limones
Phone: 503-678-1411
Donald's Emergency
Pager: 503-301-6479
Subscribe to
Flash Alerts to receive
Urgent & Emergency
Notices

City Scavenger Hunt

If you are looking for something to do with your family, significant other or by yourself the City has had a scavenger hunt posted on its website for a few years. Recently, a few updates were made to it to make it comply with social distancing. Some questions require walking around town and looking at landmarks.

- What is the name of the Donald soldier that served in World War One?
- The City's drinking water comes from underground aquifers so keeping litter picked up is important! What is another benefit to keeping litter picked up?
- What year was the City of Donald incorporated? What does "incorporated" mean?
- Who painted the murals at the Skate Park?
- How many United States flags are on flag poles on Main Street? What is painted on the outside of the water reservoir?
- Where was the Donald baseball diamond located?
- Who is the Mayor of Donald?
- What is the population of Donald?
- What is 1 thing you like about living in Donald?

Bonus Round Questions:

- What is the name of Donald's newsletter?
- Take a picture of something for the Donald newsletter and email it to manager@donaldoregon.gov
- Write another scavenger hunt question and email it to manager@donaldoregon.gov



City Calendar for April 2020

Sun. 12: Happy Easter (Aurora Fire Egg Hunt is cancelled)
Tue. 14: City Council Meeting 6:45pm (could be postponed)
Wed. 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
Mon. 20: Donald Beautification Group Meeting 6:30pm
Thur. 23: Planning Commission Meeting (Cancelled)
Thur. 24: Arbor Day!
Mon. 27: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street

DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

April 2020



Mayor's Message Brad Oxenford

I released a letter to the community on March 17 about the City's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, below is a summary of it. The whole letter can be found on a community board or the City's website. Since its release there was one update; due to social distancing requirements the City parks are closed. However, the Skate Park will remain open for the School District to continue giving a free breakfast/lunch combo meal to the youth from 10:30 am to 10:45 am during the week (until school resumes).

Community Letter: During this time, the City leadership's primary concern is the health and safety of our employees and community members. We are monitoring information from the Oregon Health Authority and the CDC to ensure the staff and the community members remain informed.

DO NOT COME TO WORK OR TRAVEL IF YOU DISPLAY SYMPTOMS

Coronavirus symptoms include **fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, aches and pains**

If you feel like you are experiencing symptoms, the CDC recommends you contact your primary care provider or the emergency room to discuss your symptoms and decide if you need a test, before visiting the E.R.

The Council recommends community members to take the following measures to promote healthy decision-making:

- Remain in your home, if possible, remember you could be a carrier with no symptoms
- Limit your outings for necessities only, when feasible

- Both City Parks are closed, State Executive Order 20-12
- Suspension of the Donald Community Center for all events
- Go outside to walk or exercise by yourself or with your family members, while maintaining social distancing

How can our community come together to help?

- Support the local economy by ordering and picking-up meals from local vendors
- Report any urgent supply needs for our most vulnerable populations to City Hall, and the staff will then dispatch the need to the Donald Public Health and Safety Focus Group Lead Councilor, who will try to facilitate the request
- Volunteer to help the Donald Civic Engagement and Public Health Focus Group Lead to get people the urgent supplies to ensure their safety and health
- Build awareness that North Marion School District offers a free breakfast/lunch combo sack meal to youth age 18 and under at the Donald Skate Park, Monday -Friday from 10:30am to 10:45am, youth must be present to pick up, no seconds and no adult meals
- Be respectful and supportive of others in the community
- If you feel comfortable, and are able here are some services that you can provide to your neighbors that may need assistance:
 - Make them a meal and leave it on their front steps
 - Walk their dog
 - Pick up supplies or prescriptions from the store for them
 - Talk to them on the phone or text to prevent loneliness
 - Provide them a necessity that you have from your stock to help them overcome an urgent need

Council Made An Emergency Declaration & Water and Sewer Utility Bill Changes

The Donald City Council met on Monday, March 16 2020 and approved a declaration for an emergency for two main reasons. To allow for any possible future federal reimbursements to support any financial losses for our community members, local businesses or city government. Also, to make local changes to our policies and procedures. This includes suspending all shut-offs for water and sewer bill accounts for non-payment as well as no late fees or red tag fees or processing. You will still be charged your regular bill and water meters are being read. There is a new "Pledge to Pay" form that you can fill out on the City's website. While the intent is to be helpful and supportive during this time, there is a concern of getting your account current again. By signing up for the "Pledge to Pay" program you will receive a personal notice of when the suspension period is over and to make contact with the City to setup a payment plan within 15 days. Please do not pay in cash, due to the difficulties to process it. We are striving to keep the website current.



City Staff Continue Operations

City Hall is closed to the public but available by phone or email.
Phone: 503-678-5543
Email: manager@donaldoregon.gov
All Hours Water and Sewer Emergency # 503-301-6479

Recycle Donald 2020

By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander

Recycle or Trash it?

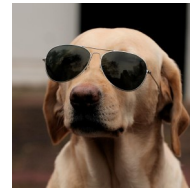
Water bottles, water bottles, oh how we use you! The average American uses 167 water bottles in one year. That means on average over the entire year, almost half the time consumers are using single use water bottles. Holy cannoli! Bottles can go in our Donald recycle bins. The lid is garbage. Here are some additional tips on water bottles: Try reusing the bottle at least one more time, they can be rinsed and reused. Invest in water bottles that can be used time and time again! Bottles come in all shapes and sizes. Drink from a drinking fountain. Call me old school, but they still have them next to most bathrooms. Contact Lauren for more ideas or to participate in Recycle Donald 2020. laurenostrander@gmail.com or 503-453-9228.



Dog Waste In Donald

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

Our Public Works team checks for dog waste every day in our City parks, streets and public right-of-ways. It is not just our job to pick it up, but it is also the responsibility of the pet owner to help remove and dispose of it properly. The City provides for two dog waste stations with baggies at both of the City parks. This is for dog owners to use to clean up their dog's waste. Public Works makes sure that these stations have bags available. I want to remind everyone that dog waste is a community effort not just because it promotes an inviting clean appearance of our community but also because we all share the impacts to the environment that is created when this pollutant enters our water ways. By picking up after your dog, it will reassure other members of the community that you care for our community, our water ways and the space that we all



Council Meeting Recap from Regular Meeting on March 16, 2020

At this meeting the Council approved their regular consent agenda items, new business items and held a conversation about changes to the municipal code's section on business licenses including how to regulate door-to-door sales. Here is list of new business items that were approved: 1) a business license for DP Plumbing located at 10749 Oak Street, 2) the annual updates to the Employee Handbook, 3) the annual updates to the City Council's Rules of Procedure, and 4) appointing Wendy Scharich and Alysha Irvin to the Donald Budget Committee. The Regular Council Meeting on April 14, may be postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Mayor Oxenford and Councilor Rod Scott are testing different online platforms to hold public meetings. If this option is used the City Council Agenda will announce methods for the public to participate in the Council Meeting. Note from Heidi Bell City Manager "If you are trying to find home-school ideas, try listening to a City Council Meeting. It is very important to promote youth education about local government. In April, if the Council holds a meeting on a live platform, then I encourage you to watch as a family, or phone call in a question." Regardless, audio of the Council and Planning Commission meetings are on the website. The Council also met on March 16 to Declare a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19.

Councilor's Corner: Katie Gonzalez, Focus Group: Civic Engagement & Public Health



With many worries related to COVID-19, I encourage all community members to be mindful of our neighbors and offer to help each other when possible while always maintaining personal safety. If anyone has needs as a result of COVID-19 outbreak that aren't being met, please contact me by email councilorgonzalez@donaldoregon.gov or call City Hall to have the message sent to me. As the liaison for the Civic Engagement and Public Health Focus Group, I will do my best to coordinate these needs by volunteers, although guarantees cannot be made. Thank you! - Katie

Spring Driving Tips

Traffic Safety by Councilor Rod Scott

There is a bright side to all this Corona virus stuff, spring is here and that means the Sun will be shining more and making things New and Green again. Along with this there will be more to look at rather than your wipers bouncing back and forth. Please remember that no matter how beautiful spring is we still must pay attention to our driving. Be prepared for a mix of weather from sun to outright downpours and be sure to have those sunglasses within arm's reach so that the glare from wet roads and sun don't blind you and cause a crash. Watch out for Kids and Dogs and people out walking and most of all Slow down and enjoy the Beauty of Spring Time.



North Marion Sheriff's Office

From Sargent Don Parise

Nearly \$6 billion were lost nationwide to motor vehicle thefts in 2017.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office wanted to take a moment and offer safety tips we hope will help you from being victim of a motor vehicle theft.

- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in well-lit areas and a garage, if possible.
- Never leave your vehicle while it's running.
- Never leave keys or valuables in your vehicle.
- Anti-theft devices could be helpful for you to consider too.

We also want to encourage you to please call and report all suspicious person/vehicles in the area of your neighborhoods. The Sheriff's Office will respond to investigate and try to locate the suspicious person. We recommend, for your safety, not to confront anyone of concern but rather be a good witness (if you can do so safely) and then make the call to report. If you see a crime in action call 911 otherwise you can make reports to the Non-Emergency number at 503-588-5032. It is good to save this number in your cell phone.

Budget Committee

The Donald Budget Committee gained two new members this year, Alysha Irvin and Wendy Scharich. The annual Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 6pm but might have to be done a little differently this year to comply with the COVID-19 outbreak (to be determined). Both applicants appeared in-person at the Council's March Meeting and discussed their interest in the position and their background. The Council is delighted to have two new recruits that are eager to help. Welcome aboard and thank you for volunteering to serve your City in this important role.



Tree City USA Program Work

By Planning Commissioner John Crawford



We live in a relatively small, agricultural City surrounded by farmland. Most of the natural forests in this area were removed many years ago to make room for the foods we eat and places we live. Tree City USA is a program that promotes the replanting of trees in the local communities. See website: www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa. To qualify for the designation of Tree City USA we need to complete four steps. Since your Planning Commission is the City's Tree Board and is responsible for enforcing the City's tree codes, the first two steps are already complete. We can easily qualify for the rest without any added expense to the City. We are currently working on upcoming events (dates TBD) but in the meantime would appreciate you taking our survey about what topics on trees you are interested in learning more about. The survey is on the City's website: Under the Planning and Building tab, choose Planning Commission from the pull-down menu. Then, click the Tree City USA Speaker Survey.

Census 2020

April 1st is nationally observed as Census Day! Did you participate in the Census? Follow up with information about the Census, including see how many have participated in Oregon at www.oregon2020census.gov/

